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## CROP PRODUCTION – NOVEMBER 2015

### ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on November 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in Arizona is expected to total 318,000 480-lb bales, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is unchanged from the October 1 forecast but down 39 percent from last year's crop.

**Upland cotton** harvested acreage is forecast at 83,000 acres, down 66,000 acres from last year. As of November 1, producers expect to harvest 275,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, down 44 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,590 pounds per acre, unchanged from the October 1 forecast but up 11 pounds from last year. As of November 1, sixty percent of the upland cotton crop had been defoliated, compared with 59 percent last year and 47 percent for the 5-year average, and 40 percent had been harvested, compared with 39 percent last year and 38 percent for the 5-year average. The cotton crop was rated 5 percent very poor, 7, poor, 18 percent fair, 39 percent good, and 31 percent excellent as of November 1. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 18,000 acres, up 3,500 acres from last year. As of November 1, producers expect to harvest 43,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 30,000 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 1,147 pounds per acre, unchanged from the October 1 forecast but up 154 pounds from last year.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**All cotton** production is forecast at 13.3 million 480-pound bales, down less than 1 percent from last month and down 19 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 782 pounds per harvested acre, down 56 pounds from last year. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 12.8 million 480-pound bales, down 19 percent from 2014. **Pima cotton** production, forecast at 451,000 bales, was carried forward from last month.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).